

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A magnetic transfer apparatus in which a master information carrier carrying thereon information to be transferred to a slave medium is held in close contact with the slave medium by a holder disposed on the holder support portion of a magnetic transfer apparatus and comprising a pair of halves movable toward and away from each other, and a transfer magnetic field is applied to the master information carrier and the slave medium held in close contact with each other by the holder, ~~wherein the improvement comprises~~ the magnetic transfer apparatus comprising
a locator mechanism which is provided between the holder support portion and the holder and having a first surface,
wherein the first surface contacts a second surface of the holder support portion, and
wherein the locator mechanism locates the holder at least in a direction perpendicular to the central axis of the holder.
2. (original): A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 1 in which the locator mechanism is provided with at least one of a sliding guide and a rolling guide employed at a contact portion between the holder and the holder support portion.
3. (original): A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 1 further comprising a pressing mechanism which presses the holder against the holder support portion.

4. (currently amended): ~~A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 3A~~
magnetic transfer apparatus in which a master information carrier carrying thereon information
to be transferred to a slave medium is held in close contact with the slave medium by a holder
disposed on the holder support portion of a magnetic transfer apparatus and comprising a pair of
halves movable toward and away from each other, and a transfer magnetic field is applied to the
master information carrier and the slave medium held in close contact with each other by the
holder, the magnetic transfer apparatus comprising
a locator mechanism which is provided between the holder support portion and the holder
and locates the holder at least in a direction perpendicular to the central axis of the holder, and
a pressing mechanism which presses the holder against the holder support portion in
~~which the pressing mechanism presses the holder~~ in a direction at an angle to the axis of rotation
of the holder.

5. (new): A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein the locator
mechanism comprises a block portion including the first surface, and

wherein the holder support portion includes a recess for receiving the block portion.

6. (new): A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein the first
surface includes an engaging portion, and

wherein the second surface includes a receiving portion configured to receive the
engaging portion.

7. (new): A magnetic transfer apparatus as defined in Claim 1 further comprising
pressing means for pressing the holder against the holder support portion.